

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 9, 2003

The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is our understanding that you have been contacted by Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon regarding the recent flooding in over two dozen central and northern Indiana counties. As members of the Indiana Congressional Delegation, we would like to add our support to the Governor's request.

As you are no doubt aware, heavy thunderstorms began on the morning of July 4, 2003. Since that time, they have paused only briefly, resulting in overflowing rivers and streams. The flooding has displaced hundreds of our constituents, touched more than 1,000 homes and left tens of thousands more without electricity.

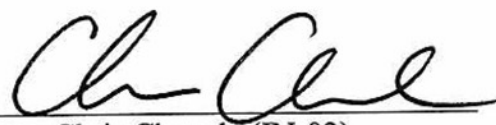
Overnight, Indiana was again battered by severe storms with high winds and reports of a tornado touching down in several communities. With several more rivers and streams near overflowing, Governor O'Bannon dispatched Indiana National Guard troops with sandbag machines to two northeastern Indiana communities to aid in the effort.

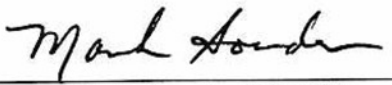
Mr. President, we hope that you will do everything you can to grant our governor's request to declare the affected counties disaster areas. The federal aid that would be made available won't replace the memories lost, but most certainly will help restore some order to the area.

Please feel free to contact any one of us if we can be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,


Rep. Pete Visclosky (IN-01)

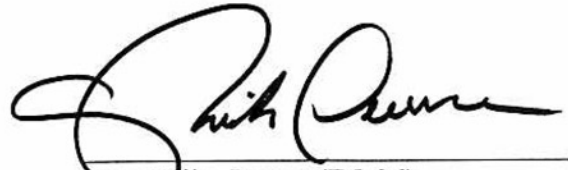

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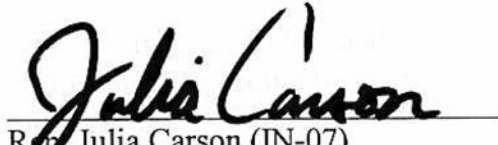

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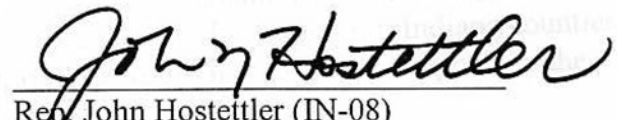
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Rep. Mike Pence (IN-06)



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